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- Wage rates for all workers in the United States during the April 11-17, 2010, period decreased 1 cent per hour from the same period a year earlier.
- There were 59 active gins in Mississippi during 2009, down 13 gins from the previous year.
- Coahoma County produced more running bales during 2009 than any other county in Mississippi and ranked number 34 among all counties in the United States.

### Farm Labor: Hired Workers and Wage Rates, United States, April 11-17, 2010, with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

Farm Employment	April 12-18, 2009	January 10-16, 2010	April 11-17, 2010
		1,000	
Hired Workers	680	602 *	737
150 Days or More	554	514 *	586
149 Days or Less	126	88 *	151
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	223	190 *	260
Hired Farm & Service Workers	903	792 *	997
		Hours per Week	
Hours Worked			
Hired	40.1	37.2 *	39.8
		Dollars per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers <sup>2,3</sup>	10.84	11.05 *	10.83
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	10.07	10.17 *	10.13
Field	9.99	10.09 *	10.04
Livestock	10.25	10.28 *	10.31

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Alaska.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers, but the values are not included in the wage rates.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,  
by Selected Regions and United States, April 12-18, 2009 and April 11-17, 2010 <sup>1</sup>**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010
Dollars per Hour								
Appalachian I	10.16	9.87	10.40	10.59	10.25	10.10	11.00	10.63
Appalachian II	9.23	9.47	9.62	9.69	9.40	9.55	10.10	10.20
Southeast	8.80	8.86	9.84	9.73	9.00	9.10	9.22	9.47
Florida	9.15	9.10	9.35	10.00	9.17	9.25	10.33	10.22
Cornbelt I	10.93	11.11	10.44	9.75	10.72	10.70	11.70	11.25
<b>Delta</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>8.84</b>	<b>8.92</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>9.60</b>	<b>9.85</b>
Southern Plains	9.67	9.56	9.93	10.25	9.80	9.90	10.40	10.30
Pacific	10.67	10.02	12.09	11.73	10.80	10.25	11.55	11.18
California	9.96	10.00	10.85	11.10	10.14	10.21	11.07	11.12
Hawaii <sup>2</sup>	11.30	11.65	13.20	13.90	11.40	11.84	13.36	13.99
United States <sup>3</sup>	9.99	10.04	10.25	10.31	10.07	10.13	10.84	10.83

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska.

Region: Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Pacific – OR, WA.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected Regions  
and United States, April 12-18, 2009 and April 11-17, 2010 <sup>1</sup>**

United States and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed				Number of Hours Worked	
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010	Apr 12-18, 2009	Apr 11-17, 2010
			1,000				Hours per Week	
Appalachian I	28	33	25	25	3	8	37.4	39.3
Appalachian II	21	26	15	17	6	9	36.4	33.4
Southeast	36	31	27	23	9	8	42.8	37.2
Florida	46	50	39	41	7	9	38.3	37.2
<b>Delta</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>43.0</b>
Southern Plains	62	55	53	45	9	10	40.7	39.1
United States <sup>2</sup>	680	737	554	586	126	151	40.1	39.8

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

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Region: Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX.

Mississippi Number of Active Gins, Average Bale Weight, and Rank by  
County and United States, Crop Years 2008-2009

County and State	Number of Active Gins		Average Weight Per Running Bales Ginned		Rank by Running Bales Produced	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Number		Pounds		Rank	
Attala	0	0	0.0	0.0	291	288
Benton	1	1	500.5	480.0		
Bolivar	5	5	488.1	489.7	104	
Calhoun	3	3	495.7	492.0	176	226
Carroll	1	1	502.1	502.1	232	286
Chickasaw	0	0	0.0	0.0	294	
Coahoma	6	6	489.5	489.1	23	34
DeSoto	1	1	484.1	485.6		
Grenada	0	0	0.0	0.0		245
Hinds	1	1	490.0	490.0	280	
Holmes	3	2	496.2	489.5	153	168
Humphreys	3	1	493.0	491.0	111	188
Issaquena	0	0	0.0	0.0	193	232
Jefferson	1	0	500.0	0.0		
Lafayette	1	1	485.3	482.1		266
Lee	1	1	497.0	500.0		
Leflore	8	6	498.7	500.0	38	116
Lowndes	0	0	0.0	0.0	256	
Madison	0	0	0.0	0.0	289	292
Monroe	1	1	499.0	498.6	312	
Montgomery	1	1	480.0	499.9	241	251
Noxubee	0	0	0.0	0.0	274	273
Panola	3	3	503.0	502.1	185	204
Pontotoc	1	0	480.0	0.0		
Quitman	2	2	494.4	489.3	114	82
Sharkey	4	3	492.0	490.5	140	166
Sunflower	4	2	486.0	478.4	149	192
Tallahatchie	3	2	493.5	491.2	98	
Tate	0	0	0.0	0.0	231	227
Tishomingo	0	0	0.0	0.0	317	
Tunica	3	3	490.3	490.0	41	108
Warren	1	0	496.2	0.0		
Washington	6	5	489.5	485.1	131	180
Webster	1	1	485.3	485.0	204	241
Yalobusha	1	1	484.4	489.1		260
Yazoo	6	6	492.8	494.2	117	125
Mississippi	72	59	492.3	491.1		

## Mississippi Cotton County Estimates, 2008-2009

County	Planted		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production (480 lb. net wt.)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Acres				Pounds		Bales	
Bolivar	18,000	---	17,900	---	850	---	31,700	---
Coahoma	48,700	45,100	48,500	44,800	1,103	821	111,400	76,600
Quitman	16,700	14,200	16,600	14,100	1,000	987	34,600	29,000
Tallahatchie	12,000	---	12,000	---	1,152	---	28,800	---
Tunica	30,200	22,300	30,100	22,200	1,016	776	63,700	35,900
Other Counties		13,600		13,400		863		24,100
District 10	125,600	95,200	125,100	94,500	1,037	841	270,200	165,600
Calhoun	10,700	10,200	10,600	9,400	752	434	16,600	8,500
Grenada	---	5,800	---	5,700	---	581	---	6,900
Lafayette	---	3,500	---	3,400	---	621	---	4,400
Panola	6,600	6,800	6,500	6,400	990	953	13,400	12,700
Tate	4,000	4,800	3,900	4,800	1,108	800	9,000	8,000
Yalobusha	---	4,400	---	4,300	---	625	---	5,600
Other Counties	17,700	3,700	17,200	3,700	837	817	30,000	6,300
District 20	39,000	39,200	38,200	37,700	867	667	69,000	52,400
Tishomingo	1,200		1,100		829		1,900	
Other Counties	8,500		7,400		824		12,700	
District 30	9,700	8,600	8,500	6,600	824	691	14,600	9,500
Humphreys	13,900	8,900	13,800	8,600	957	703	27,500	12,600
Issaquena	10,800	7,500	10,800	7,100	716	548	16,100	8,100
Leflore	39,000	22,100	38,600	22,000	900	604	72,400	27,700
Sharkey	11,600	11,400	11,300	10,100	884	770	20,800	16,200
Sunflower	9,300	9,200	9,200	9,100	970	765	18,600	14,500
Washington	17,400	10,100	17,300	9,700	802	698	28,900	14,100
Yazoo	17,100	23,500	17,000	22,700	847	565	30,000	26,700
District 40	119,100	92,700	118,000	89,300	872	644	214,300	119,900
Attala	4,000	1,800	3,900	1,750	763	494	6,200	1,800
Carroll	4,000	2,500	4,000	2,450	1,020	568	8,500	2,900
Holmes	10,700	14,300	10,600	14,300	883	571	19,500	17,000
Madison	2,300	2,700	2,300	2,700	835	569	4,000	3,200
Montgomery	5,000	5,400	4,900	4,700	842	572	8,600	5,600
Webster	7,000	8,000	6,900	7,700	821	449	11,800	7,200
Other Counties	4,000	2,800	4,000	2,700	768	533	6,400	3,000
District 50	37,000	37,500	36,600	36,300	852	538	65,000	40,700

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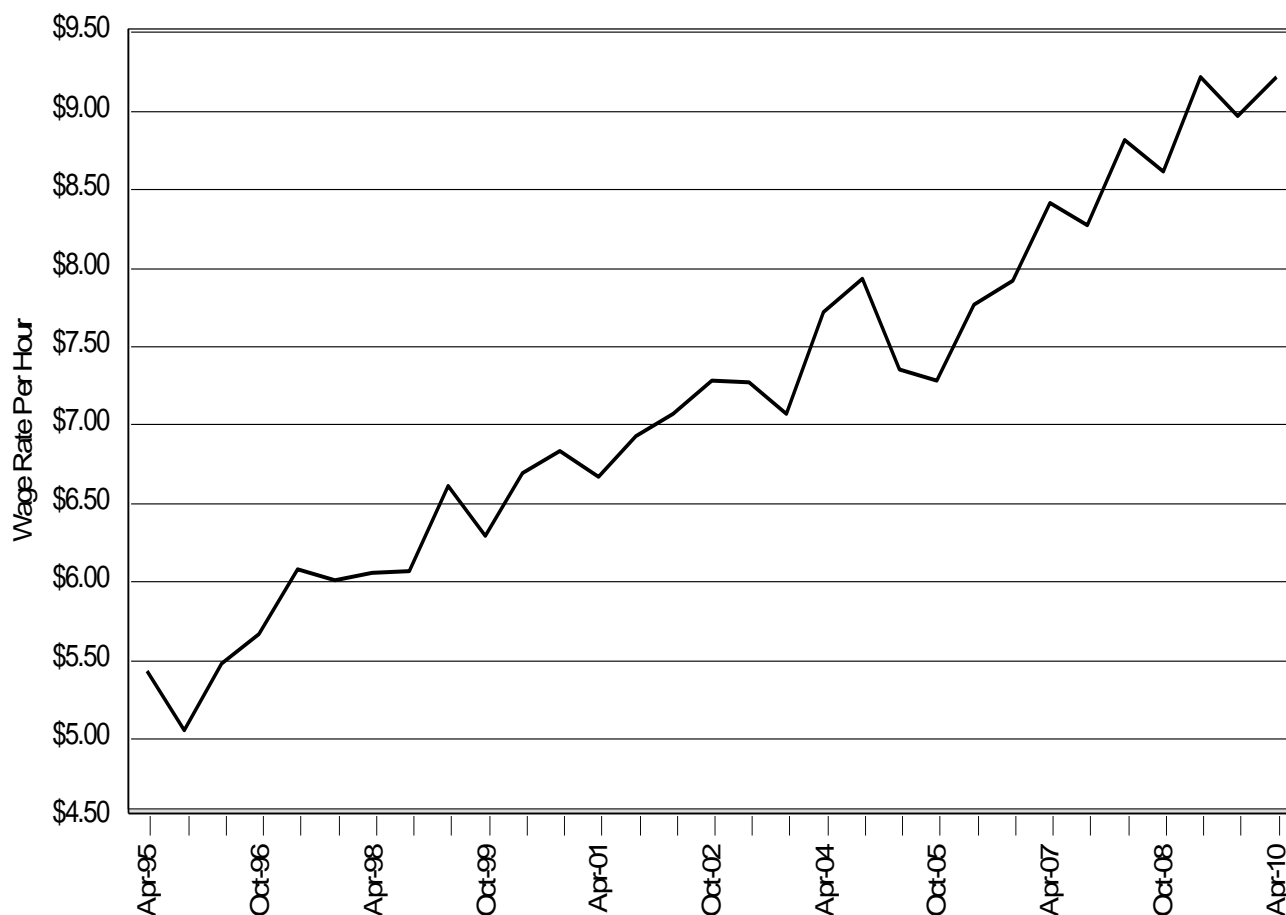
## Mississippi Cotton County Estimates, 2008-2009—Cont.

County	Planted		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production (480 lb. net wt.)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Acres				Pounds		Bales	
Chickasaw	5,300	---	5,200	---	591	---	6,400	---
Lowndes	5,100	---	5,000	---	816	---	8,500	---
Monroe	2,400	---	2,400	---	740	---	3,700	---
Noxubee	4,000	3,700	3,900	3,500	849	507	6,900	3,700
Other Counties	1,000	14,000	900	11,500	533	334	1,000	8,000
District 60	17,800	17,700	17,400	15,000	731	374	26,500	11,700
Hinds	3,600		3,500		713		5,200	
Other Counties	5,300		5,100		715		7,600	
District 70	8,900	<sup>1</sup>	8,600	<sup>1</sup>	714	<sup>1</sup>	12,800	<sup>1</sup>
District 90	<sup>1</sup>	5,700	<sup>1</sup>	5,500	<sup>1</sup>	751	<sup>1</sup>	8,600
Other Districts	7,900	8,400	7,600	5,100	669	621	10,600	6,600
State Total	365,000	305,000	360,000	290,000	911	687	683,000	415,000

--- Included in Other Counties.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other Districts.

## Wage Rates: Field and Livestock Workers, April and October Survey Periods, Delta Region, 1995-2010



**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish,  
Mississippi and United States, 2009-2010**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	782	224	29	4,455	1,433	32
February	2,147	193	9	7,034	1,528	22
March	6,336	4,536	72	18,927	12,680	67
April	12,628	17,203	136	31,621	38,080	120
May	26,165			57,466		
June	45,116			93,123		
July	49,001			104,060		
August	53,148			107,840		
September	41,091			82,125		
October	17,762			38,828		
November	7,523			21,280		
December	222			3,221		

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,  
Mississippi and United States 2009-2010**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	41	8	20	254	59	23
February	73	2	3	268	142	53
March	460	280	61	927	900	97
April	855	1,134	133	1,116	2,065	185
May	1,477			1,774		
June	2,688			3,191		
July	3,445			4,209		
August	4,479			5,453		
September	2,796			3,513		
October	952			1,358		
November	1,006			1,314		
December	1			133		

## Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, May 1, 2009-2010

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,830	12,326	96	5,309	5,156	97
East North Central	13,137	12,627	96	7,351	9,040	123
West North Central	28,922	28,554	99	9,177	8,769	96
South Atlantic	231,791	236,453	102	4,022	4,177	104
South Central	319,224	329,431	103	6,344	5,938	94
West	24,922	23,698	95	8,959	8,476	95
United States	630,826	643,089	102	41,162	41,556	101

## April Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs		Hatchings Eggs	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	9,324	9,855	32	31	145	151
Arkansas	12,467	12,283	83	78	161	165
Florida	9,894	9,382	215	206	7	4
Georgia	17,779	17,492	209	200	161	169
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>
North Carolina	12,784	13,586	135	138	126	132
South Carolina	4,388	4,356	67	70	22	21
Virginia	2,886	3,511	28	27	30	41
United States	340,170	339,946	6,419	6,472	1,053	1,075

## April Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	During February			January-February		
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	108,004	107,808	100	424,877	424,653	100
Arkansas	84,912	86,476	102	349,352	344,860	99
Florida	3,476	4,627	133	14,390	18,709	130
Georgia	112,666	112,528	100	461,782	446,716	97
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>65,364</b>	<b>70,156</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>256,666</b>	<b>276,805</b>	<b>108</b>
North Carolina	68,415	66,671	97	270,668	266,300	98
South Carolina	19,824	20,649	104	78,194	79,566	102
Virginia	22,205	22,891	103	85,410	89,519	105
United States	758,663	767,225	101	3,028,967	3,029,570	100

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States,  
April 2010 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

State	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as Percent of 2009 <sup>2</sup>
	Million Pounds			Percent
Alabama	2.0	2.0	1.6	80
Arkansas	4.3	5.5	3.6	84
Florida	8.5	10.2	9.6	113
Georgia	12.0	10.6	10.7	89
Kentucky	46.7	50.4	44.5	95
Louisiana	0.6	0.6	0.5	89
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>90</b>
Missouri	148.9	154.1	143.6	96
North Carolina	215.6	221.0	203.9	95
Oklahoma	102.0	102.2	98.2	96
South Carolina	19.8	21.9	21.2	107
Tennessee	15.8	21.6	16.2	103
Texas	432.0	415.9	412.9	96
Virginia	36.9	50.3	38.4	104
West Virginia	0.6	0.7	0.5	90
United States	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	98

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.